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## 30 killed in renewed Eggon, Fulani herdsmen clash

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**The** death toll in the crisis between the Eggon farmers and Fulani herdsmen in Assakio, Lafia East Development Area of Nasarawa State escalated on Tuesday with the death toll rising to 30.

Although Poilice in Nasarawa State have confirmed the recent attack, they were not able to clarify the figure of deaths as at press time by 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

*Daily Independent* gathered that about 100 houses had been razed during the clash.

Some eye-witnesses who spoke under condition of anonymity said the mercenaries that attacked several Eggon communities were wielding sophisticated weapons.

One source explained that the Eggon settlements attacked by the mercenaries include Gidan Gambo, Logobi in Assakio and Ikposogye.

He said the guerrillas were shooting everybody in sight and razing houses, unchallenged by security agents.

We also gathered that the Fulani herdsmen had mobilised mercenaries and launched a surprised attack on the Eggon settlements, leaving thousands homeless.


When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Nasarawa State Police Command, Ismaila Numan, who confirmed the incident said policemen had been drafted to the troubled spot.

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